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CUSTOMER NUMBER 22,852

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re U.S. national phase of)
PCT/IB2003/002239)
Inventors: Annalisa DELNEVO, et al.) Group Art Unit: (Unassigned)
Application No.: (Unassigned)) Examiner: (Unassigned)
Filed: January 10, 2005)
For: **A SUPPORT ELEMENT FOR AN**)
EXTRACORPOREAL FLUID)
TRANSPORT LINE)

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are discussed on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment, and attached to this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this Preliminary Amendment and begin on page 3.

A **Remarks** section begins on page 11 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Attachments to this Preliminary Amendment include:

- (1) a new Abstract.